

provided with the appropriate assistance, to advance research and development of testing mechanisms and knowledge about drug driving and its impact on traffic safety, and to enhance the training of traffic safety officers and prosecutors to detect, enforce and prosecute drug-impaired driving laws. I hope that each Member of Congress will sponsor this bill and that we can move this bill, if not as part of the larger transportation will, as a free-standing bill.

I also wanted to call attention and will include in the RECORD this article about a DEA exhibit that highlights, among other things, the drug-impaired driving accidents. This was in USA Today yesterday, September 13, 2004, about an exhibit that is opening in One Times Square, New York City, today. It will be a three floor exhibit on the perils of drug use and what it is doing to devastate American youth, adults and people in our country, as well as around the world. The exhibit also links terror and drug traffic.

The picture here shows an automobile obliterated in a wreck, I believe in Ohio, a 1994 Ford Thunderbird, whose driver killed a woman and just obliterated the car.

We have had multiple deaths in my hometown because of drug-impaired driving, even though we have a very limited ability to test. It has been clear that the marijuana in particular has been the primary culprit. We have had multiple deaths related to meth, and in addition kids using that and taking other kids out. We even had a couple of grizzly murders where it appears the kids were either after the Ecstasy or some other drug, at the very minimum, marijuana.

In this DEA exhibit, among other things, in addition to the display regarding the automobile wrecks and the deaths due to drug-impaired driving, on the third floor they have a "Wall of Lost Talent," a display of prom, graduation and school photos of those who have died because of drugs. Visitors are encouraged to leave photos of friends and family members who have been harmed by drugs as well.

Karen Tandy, the Director of DEA, said, "I want Americans to realize that although they may not use drugs, everyone is impacted by drug use in this country. That car," and she is referring to the devastated car that caused the deaths, "represents the threat to every one of us on the road."

I am glad that the DEA administrator and the DEA is taking the message out to the general public that drug use is not just something you do at home on your own or a recreational-type thing. When you use drugs and you get behind the wheel, you are putting everybody else on the road at risk.

Mr. Speaker, I chair the Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources of the Committee on Government Reform, and what we have heard in testimony after testimony after testimony is not

only when you go out on the road, but even in the home, is of young kids terrorized by their parents, who come home and beat them or just ignore them but use up their food money. This article also links the terrorists to drug money and much destabilization in other countries.

Mr. Speaker, it is very important that the DEA has done this, and it is very important that we pass the legislation in the House.

[From the USA Today, Sept. 13, 2004]

EXHIBIT LINKS TERROR, DRUG TRAFFIC

(By Donna Leinwand)

NEW YORK.—The crumpled green 1994 Thunderbird is a jarring sight in the lobby of One Times Square. The driver, DEA agents say, was high on cocaine, barbiturates and marijuana when he hit and killed a 31-year-old Ohio woman. The man is serving 10 years.

The car is the opening assault in an exhibit meant to lay bare the harsh world of illicit drugs from the intensely personal car accident to the global financing of rebel armies and terrorists.

Target America: Drug Traffickers, Terrorists and You is an expanded version of a Drug enforcement Administration Museum traveling exhibit that opens here Tuesday.

The exhibit, housed in three floors of borrowed space, is designed to illustrate through graphic photos and artifacts the societal costs of the production, trafficking and use of illegal drugs.

"I want Americans to realize that, although they may not use drugs, everyone is impacted by drug use in this country," DEA administrator Karen Tandy says. "That car represents the threat to every one of us on the road."

The car is the centerpiece of a field of debris piled in the lobby of the tall retail-and-office building. The wreck is surrounded by drug paraphernalia and barrels of chemicals used to make methamphetamine, as well as broken toys representing children neglected by drug-addled parents.

The overriding theme of the exhibit, visible from Times Square through plate-glass windows, is the link between drug trafficking and global terrorism.

The exhibit invites visitors to trace the path of cocaine and heroin from drug labs in Afghanistan and Colombia to the pockets of insurgents in Colombia and Peru and to such terrorist organizations as Hezbollah.

But it also makes a more controversial link between terrorism and the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The exhibit includes a large display of debris collected from both sites. The exhibit does not specifically tie the attacks to drug trafficking, but it uses the events to explain how terrorists use the drug trade as one of several methods to fund attacks. It cites U.S. intelligence linking the Taliban in Afghanistan, and by extension its thriving heroin economy, to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda.

"Someone who thinks he or she is making an individual choice that won't harm anyone else is not seeing the larger picture of where their money eventually goes," says Anthony Placido, special agent in charge of the New York division of the DEA.

In Peru, for example, Shining Path insurgents "killed thousands of people, destroyed the economy, reduced the country to rubble, and paid for it all with the cocaine trade," Placido says.

After 9/11, Americans shifted their focus from the war on drugs to the war on terror, Placido says. The exhibit, he says, will help

relate the illicit drug trade to homeland security.

"The same techniques used to smuggle in drugs can be used to smuggle in weapons of mass destruction," Placido says. Terrorists and drug criminals "fish out of the same sewer."

Although the exhibit includes the events of Sept. 11, it takes a broader look at the drug trade, tracing its history from the Silk Road routes between China and Europe, says Sean Ferans, director of the exhibit and also the small DEA museum in the agency's headquarters in Arlington, Va.

The Times Square exhibit is loaded with whiz-bang law enforcement memorabilia. Visitors can keep into an actual cocaine lab uncovered by DEA agents in Colombia, dismantled and shipped to the USA; a Stinger missile launcher; heroin tax receipts from the Taliban; Ecstasy pills; and photos of arrested drug kingpins.

On the second floor, visitors will see a replica of a crack den cluttered with soiled diapers and guns. There are photographs of children rescued from their parents' meth labs, including one who was covered in car battery acid.

A "Wall of Lost Talent" is a display of prom, graduation and school photos of those who have died because of drugs. Visitors are encouraged to leave photos of friends and family members who have been harmed by drugs.

Parts of the exhibit have traveled to other cities, including Dallas and Omaha. Sections may go on the road again; no schedule has been set. In New York, hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily through January. Information: www.usdoj.gov/dea/deamuseum/website/index.html.

Admission is free.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 10 a.m.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 21 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until 10 a.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OSE) at 10 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, as people loyal to diverse faith perspectives and hoping to be consistent in the commitment to serve the common good of the Nation, we pray today for the Members of the House of Representatives.

Lord, grant wisdom to the leaders of this Government by the people. We hear, "You, O God, give wisdom generously without finding fault to all who ask."

You provide people of faith with values, standards and principles. These need to be applied with human wisdom to specific events and recognized challenges of the times. You sustain believers, particularly in critical moments, that they may discern the real importance of needs and events and be able